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Ancestral
Genealogical Record
and
History of
The Stevens Family,
of
Norfolk, Conn.,
by
Nathaniel B. Stevens,
Winsted, Conn.,

1896.

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PREFACE.

In compiling the following record and history of the Stevens family it has been the endeavor to trace more particularly the descent of that branch of the family, which settled in Norfolk, Conn., and in the arrangement and compilation of it the writer has deviated to some extent from the usual form of works of this kind.

This family descended from William, the second son of John, whom, it is believed, was the first person, bearing the name "Stevens," who came to Connecticut.

Such data regarding the families of Thomas and John, the first and second sons of John, as has been collected, is given with the thought that it may perhaps be of some assistance in the research of others interested in the Stevens family.

Thomas and John Stevens came from the County of Kent, England, prior to 1646. It is stated in Fox's Book of Martyrs, page 424, that Thomas Stevens of Reddington was one of eight who suffered martyrdom by being burned to death at Wye, in the County of Kent, in 1557. From this it is supposed they (Thomas and John) originated in that place.

Thomas and John, above mentioned, first settled in Guilford, Conn., and from thence, in 1665 or 1666, moved to what was then called Hammonasset (the Indian name) Plantation, Kenilworth township, afterwards called Killingworth. It is that portion of the town afterward set off as the town of Clinton, in 1838.

Kenilworth was called after a town in the County of Warwick, in England.

Among the names of the first settlers of Killingworth appear the names of Thomas and William Stevens. This William Stevens had

a son Josiah, called deacon and sometimes Captain Stevens. He was born in 1670 and died March 15, 1754, and was the direct ancestor of the Stevens family that settled in Norfolk.

Barber, in his Connecticut Historical Collections, quotes from Ruggles Manuscript History of Guilford, now in possession of the Massachusetts Historical Society, as follows :

“ While they had no ordained pastor they fell into great confusion by diversity of religious opinion, and many of the planters removed, especially to Killingworth, which was then settling; particularly (among others), the Stevens family, who were useful in that town and continue to be respectable in church and state there.

The early genealogical records contained in this book were mainly gathered and furnished me by Miss Louise Pettibone Stevens of Norfolk, Conn., and I have been greatly aided in the compilation of the work by Miss Mary Kate Stevens of Newington, Conn.

WINSTED, CONN., November 1st, 1896.

NATHANIEL B. STEVENS.

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

The name of each person in this record, up to and including Nathaniel (62), is preceded by a figure or figures, and the same number will follow that name in the record, by which number the descent of the person so designated can be traced back to his or her first known ancestor.

The letter "S" against a name indicates the direct ancestry of the Nathaniel Stevens, born in Norfolk, 1768.

S 1. JOHN STEVENS. Married Mary ———. She died first. He died September 1, 1670.

CHILDREN.

2. Mary. Born———, 1624. Married first, Henry Kingsworth, of Wolcow, England. He died July 29, 1668. Married second, John, son of John Collins, of Boston, Mass. He died December 10, 1704.
3. Thomas. Born —— 1628.
4. William. " —— 1630.
5. John. " —— 1632.

S THOMAS (3). Married Mary Fletcher. He died at Killingworth, Conn., November 10, 1685, aged 57 years.

CHILDREN.

6. James. Born February 21, 1651.
7. Mary. " —— 1653. Mentioned in her grandfather's will.
8. Rebecca. " —— 1655. Married Edward Ruddy of Killingworth, May 6, 1678.
9. Sarah. Born January 25, 1657. Married Stephen Dodd of Guilford, Conn., April 18, 1678. He died October, 1691.
10. John. Born March 10, 1660 or '61.
11. Thomas. " February 21, 1661 or '62.

12. Timothy. Born ——— 1664. Died February 21, 1711 or '12, aged 47 or 48 years.
13. Joseph. Born April 23, 1666. In 1697 he had not been heard from in many years; is supposed to have died about 1690.
14. Abigail. Born April 23, 1666. Married Edward Lee, of Guilford, 1690. He died April, 1727. She died August, 1727, aged 61 years.
15. Elizabeth. Born July 14, 1668. Married Nathaniel Chittenden of Killingworth, 1690.
16. Ebenezer. Born January 26, 1669 or '70.
17. Phebe. " February 21, 1671 or '72.
18. Jonathan. " February 2, 1674 or '75.

S WILLIAM (4). Married Mary Meigs, March 3, 1652 or '53. Married second, Sarah Carpenter, widow of David N. Lord. She died April 30, 1703.

CHILDREN.

19. John. Born March, 1653 or '54. Supposed to have died in King Phillip's War, 1676.
20. Samuel. Born March 1, 1656 or '57.
21. Nathaniel. " March 10, 1658 or '59. Died 1660.
22. Nathaniel. " October 29, 1661.
23. Judith. " October 1, 1663. Married Samuel Buell of Killingworth.
- S 24. Josiah.** Born December 8, 1670.
25. Mary. " November 2, 1677. Married Joseph Harris of Killingworth.

JOHN (5). Removed to New London and New Haven. Married Mary, daughter of John Coit, a shipwright.

CHILDREN.

26. John. Baptised March 12, 1671. Killed by a fall from a tree, November 2, 1692, aged 21.

- 27. Mary. Baptised March 12, 1671.
- 28. James. " September 17, 1671.
- 29. Samuel. " ——— 1674.
- 30. Joseph.
- 31. Thomas.

JAMES (6). Married Mary ———. She died April 30, 1729.

CHILDREN.

- 32. Mary. Born December 3, 1674. Married Robert Chapman of East Haddam, Conn., 1698. He died December 24, 1760, aged 89. She died June 5, 1764, aged 90.
- 33. James. Born October 11, 1676.
- 34. Hannah. " April 8, 1678. Married ——— Sanford.
- 35. Sarah. " January 20, 1680. Married ——— Rogers.
- 36. Patience. " April 24, 1683. Married ——— Baldwin.
- 37. Mercy. " March 7, 1684 or '85. Married Thomas ——— of Killingworth.

JOHN (10). Married Abigail, daughter of Henry Cole of Wallingford, Conn., April 28, 1684. He died 1722, aged 62 years.

CHILDREN.

- 38. Phebe. Born January 18, 1685. Died November 4, 1688.
- 39. Peter. " February 21, 1687 or '88.
- 40. John. " December 29, 1689.
- 41. Joseph. " July 27, 1695.
- 42. Ebenezer. " December 1, 1695.
- 43. Dorothea. " October 10, 1697. Married Timothy Chittenden, of Killingworth, February 14, 1722. He died June 2, 1797.
- 44. Henry.
- 45. William. Born September 24, 1701.
- 46. Abigail. " October 3, 1704. Married Andrew Tooley of Killingworth, March 9, 1721.
- 47. Phebe. Born May 6, 1706.

THOMAS (11). Married Hannah Everett, June 9, 1586. She died 1687. Married second, Sarah Bushnell, November 9, 1688. She died February 4, 1691. Married third, Deborah —.

CHILDREN.

48. Thomas. Born August 7, 1689.
 49. Deborah. " March 28, 1694. Married Joseph Stevens (41) her cousin, March 25, 1714.
 50. Abel. Born February 18, 1698.
 51. Sarah. " December 15, 1700. Married Daniel Post, Jr.
 52. Hannah " January 21, 1703. Married Nathan Kelsey, November 29, 1725.

TIMOTHY (12). Married —.

CHILDREN.

53. Timothy.
 54. Jeremiah.

EBENEZER (16). Married Jean Redfield. He died November 13, 1738, aged 60 years. No children.

JONATHAN (18). Married Deborah Stiles. She died March 1748 or '49. He died June 2, 1748, aged 74 years.

CHILDREN.

55. Jonathan. Born July 3, 1711.
 56. Ebenezer. " April 4, 1713.
 57. Stiles. " June 26, 1723.
 SAMUEL (20). Married Elizabeth, widow of Bethuel Hill. She died May 3, 1701.

CHILDREN.

58. John. Born —. Died October 5, 1742.
 59. Samuel.

NATHANIEL (22). Married Sarah ——. He died October, 1709, at East Guilford, aged 48 years.

CHILDREN.

60. Nathaniel. Born at East Guilford.

61. Sarah. " ——. Married Stephen Bishop of East Guilford, September 25, 1707. He died November 12, 1722.

62. Elizabeth. Born ——. Married John Grave, Jr., May 10, 1714. She died February 29, 1725. He died July 17, 1763.

S JOSIAH (24). Was a Deacon of the Congregational church, Killingworth. Married first, Sarah Hubbell June 25, 1699. She died December 17, 1726. Married second, Mercy, widow of John Hoodley, July 11, 1733. She died August 18, 1739. Married third, Ruth ——. He died May 15, 1754, aged 84 years.

CHILDREN.

63. Josiah. Born March 25, 1700.

64. Daniel. " October 18, 1701. Settled in North Killingworth.

65. Elnathan. " April 13, 1703.

66. Jerusha. " October 19, 1704. Married Daniel Griswold, of Killingworth, March 9, 1721. He died September 10, 1757.

S 67. Nathaniel. Born ——, 1710.

JAMES (28). Married Hannah ——. Settled in West Haven, Conn. He died January, 1750 or '51, aged 79 or 80 years.

CHILDREN.

68. Rachel. Born February 3, 1701. Married John Harger of Derby, Conn.

69. James. Born July 4, 1707. Died young.

70. Martha. " November 11, 1709. Married Thomas Clinton of West Haven.

71. James. Born October 4, 1712.

72. Samuel.
73. Eliphalet.

SAMUEL (29). Married Abigail, daughter of John Clark. He died at West Haven.

CHILDREN.

74. Abigail. Born September 15, 1699.
75. Sarai. " January 23, 1700. Married John Baldwin of Milford, Conn.
76. John. Born August 1, 1703. Married Mary Painter, Ripton-Stratford.
77. Mehitabel. Born July 6, 1705.
78. Jane. " June 27, 1707.
79. Elizabeth. " January 17, 1711. Married — Weed, of New Haven and Waterbury.

THOMAS (31). Youngest son of John, of West Haven. Married Ame Smith, February 15, 1708 or '09.

80. Thomas. Born November 1, 1713.
81. Esther. " May 17, 1715,

JAMES (33). Born October 11, 1676. Married Hannah Hurd. He died September, 1764, aged 91 years.

CHILDREN.

82. Hannah. Born January 23, 1703.
83. James. " March 27, 1706.
84. Israel. " September 14, 1708.
85. Amos. " May 22, 1711.
86. Nehemiah. " June 26, 1713.
87. Lydia. " August 15, 1715. Married — Bailey.

JOHN (40). Born December 29, 1689. Married Elizabeth Grinnell, March 15, 1710. He died December 4, 1745, aged 56 years. She died January 25, 1747 or '48.

CHILDREN.

88. Eliakim. Born February 16, 1711. Died May, 1753.
 89. John. " January 21, 1716. Died September 11, 1720.
 90. Samuel. " May 7, 1718.
 91. Lydia. " June 26, 1721. Married Isaac Parker September
 23, 1742.
 92. Elizabeth. Born April 17, 1724.
 93. Jemima. " March 11, 1727. Married ——— Griffith.

JOSEPH (41). Born July 27, 1695. Married Deborah (49) his
 cousin, daughter of Thomas Stevens, March 25, 1714.

CHILDREN.

94. Thomas. Born February 8, 1715.
 95. Benjamin. " January 12, 1717 or '18.
 96. Sarah. " September 8, 1721. Died young.
 97. Rebecca. " February 22, 1723 or 24. Married Eliakin Hull,
 September 25, 1743.
 98. Joseph. Born March 17th, 1726 or '27.
 99. Sarah. " March 18, 1731 or '32.

EBENESER (42). Born December 1, 1695. Married ———.

CHILDREN.

100. Deborah.

HENRY (44). Born ———. Married ———.

CHILDREN.

101. Abel.

WILLIAM (45). Born September 24, 1701. Married ———. He died
 August, 1751, aged 50 years.

CHILDREN.

- 102. Amy or Rahama.
- 103. William.
- 104. Christopher.
- 105. John.
- 106. Leverett.
- 107. Moses.

THOMAS (48). Born August 7, 1689. Married Remember Baldwin, February 1, 1732. She died December 7, 1739.

CHILDREN.

- 108. David.
- 109. Asa.
- 110. Thomas.
- 111. Dorothy. Born January 30, 1752. Married Beriah, son of Peter Redfield, November 5, 1770. He died January 4, 1819, aged 74.

ABEL (50). Born February 18, 1698. Married ———.

CHILDREN.

- 112. Thadeus. Died 1737.

TIMOTHY (53). Born ———. Married Mary Tooley, November 3, 1720.

CHILDREN.

- 113. Phineas. Born August 23, 1721. Died young.
- 114. Simeon. " August 2, 1723.
- 115. Elizabeth. " March 12, 1726.
- 116. Mary. " June 5, 1728.
- 117. Darius. " August 30, 1730.
- 118. Phineas. " April 25, 1733.
- 119. Luke. " August 4, 1736.
- 120. Esther. " June 11, 1741.

JEREMIAH (54) Born ———. Died August, 1739.

CHILDREN.

121. Jeremiah.

122. Rosewell.

JONATHAN (55). Born July 3, 1711. Married ———.

CHILDREN.

123. Ebenezer.

SAMUEL (59). Born ———. Married Elizabeth Platz, January 31, 1727. Married second, Jane ———. He died December 1, 1760.

CHILDREN.

124. Samuel.

125. Eliphalet.

126. Aaron. Married Lois ———. He died on return from Havanna November, 1762.

127. Elisha.

128. Elizabeth. Married Elisha Crane.

129. Jerusha. Married ——— Howd, of Killingworth.

130. John.

131. Joel.

132. Mary. Married ^{John} Daniel Lane. *See*

NATHANIEL, JR., (60). Born at East Guilford. Married Mindwell Grave, November 10, 1713. He died March 9, 1747. She died February 11, 1771.

CHILDREN.

133. Mindwell. Born February 2, 1715. Married Jonathan Crampton, November 20, 1733. He died January 22, 1761. She died January 2, 1792, aged 77 years.

134. Nathaniel. Born June 6, 1720.

135. Sarah. Born March 16, 1722. Married first, Ebenezer Bishop, November 2, 1737. He died October 27, 1747. Married second, William Chittenden, April 29, 1754. He died January 14, 1786. She died October 6, 1802. aged 80 years.
136. Priscilla. Born May 20, 1724. Married Benjamin Crampton, of Guilford, April 8, 1742. He died May 8, 1814.
137. Elizabeth. Born January 8, 1727. Married Deacon Timothy Hill, of East Guilford, October 27, 1748. He died February 6, 1781. She died April, 1831, aged 104 years.
138. Elihu. Born April 8, 1731.
139. Eliakim. " October 4, 1734.
140. Mabel. " October 8, 1739. Married Timothy Munger, of New Durham, N. Y., October 27, 1757. She died December, 1825, aged 87 years.

‡JOSIAH (63). Born March 25, 1709. Married ————. Was a Deacon.

CHILDREN.

141. Josiah. Born at Killingworth, 1740.
142. Edward. " ———. Removed to Liberty Co., Ga., and taught in the noted academy at Sunbury, in that State.
143. Oliver. Born ———.
144. Rebecca " ———.

‡ A grandson was educated at Brown University, R. I., and went as a missionary to Burmah.

ELNATHAN (65). Born April 13, 1703. Married Mary Hull, February 15, 1728. She was born August 22, 1709. He died December 21, 1776, aged 73. She died February 6, 1787, aged 78. He bought land and built a house in that part of the town called "Cow Hill," and the place is still occupied by his descendants.

CHILDREN.

145. Mary. Born November 13, 1728. Died December 9, 1728, aged 1 month.
146. Elnathan. Born January 28, 1730. Died February 28, 1791, aged 61 years.
147. John. Born January 8, 1732. Died February 17, 1732, aged 1 month.
148. ———. Born January 8, 1732. Died January 8, 1732.
149. John. " May 7, 1733. Died August 14, 1752, aged 19 years.
150. Osburn. Born March 23, 1735. Died December 13, 1819, aged 79 years.
151. Hubbel. Born March 23, 1735. Died ———.
152. Hiel. " March 22, 1737. Died March 7, 1784, aged 47 years.
153. Jared. Born February 8, 1739. Died March 14, 1814, aged 75 years.
154. Jonas. Born January 6, 1741. Died February 22, 1801, aged 60 years.
155. Mary, Born June 9, 1743. Died April, 1827, aged 74 years.
156. Martha. " March 30, 1745. Died April 24, 1752, aged 7 years.
157. Lydia. Born May 4, 1747. Died July 9, 1747, aged 2 months.
158. ——— " May 4, 1747.
159. Lydia " June 27, 1748.
160. Jeremiah. " December 12, 1750. Died May 30, 1825.

HIEL (152). Born March 22, 1737. Married Jane Kelsey. She was born August 27, 1740. He died March 7, 1784, aged 47 years. She died May 22, 1826.

CHILDREN.

161. Juliana. Born February 2, 1763. Died August 3, 1826, aged 63 years.

162. Elias. Born September 22, 1764. Died June 7, 1852, aged 88 years.
163. Hiel. Born September 2, 1766. Died February 6, 1784, aged 18 years.
164. Jane. Born August 7, 1768.
165. Eben. " August 11, 1770. Died September 27, 1854, aged 84 years.
166. Samuel. Born June 22, 1772.
167. Lydia " June 24, 1774.
168. Edmund. " July 22, 1776.
169. Oliver. " January 15, 1779.
170. John. " August 12, 1781.

ELIAS (162). Born September 22, 1764. Married Lucella, daughter of Jedediah Chapman, January 24, 1787. She was born September 14, 1776, and died September 24, 1839, aged 63 years.

CHILDREN.

171. Hiel. Born November 5, 1787.
172. Polly. " May 30, 1790.
173. Charles " April 17, 1792.
174. Elias Ruthland. Born April 10, 1794.
175. Samuel Lander. " October 18, 1796.
176. Hervey. " April 1, 1799.
177. Louisa. " May 1, 1801.
178. Nathaniel. " December 4, 1803.
179. Jedediah Chapman " May 5, 1807.
180. Henry. " September 3, 1810. Died November 2, 1811.

NATHANIEL (67). Born 1710 or '11. Married Abigail Buel, February 17, 1737. He remained on the homestead, which place was occupied by his descendants until 1876, when it was taken down. It never passed out of the ownership of that

family, and for six generations was occupied by a Nathaniel Stevens. It was an old-fashioned house, two stories high in front, and running back to one story. Stone chimney. This house was built in 1723. He was a Deacon of the Congregational church. The accompanying family record is a fac-simile of the original, in his own handwriting, now in possession of his descendants.

Mr Daniel Stearns I and my Wife was married the 17 day of
February in the year '1737. After my first Sun was born
The 10 of November in the year 37 Nathanael my ^{sun} seventh was
born the 8 day of October in the year 1739
Phillip my third Sun was born August the 15 year 1741
Isiah my fourth Sun was born October the 21 in the year 1743
Thankful my first daughter was born the 19 of Decemb
Sarah our second daughter was born the thirtieth day of March
~~Grace~~ Grace our third daughter was born the 11 of September 1751
Abigail our fourth daughter was born August the 12 Ad 1754
Lydia our fifth daughter was born November 22 Ad 1758

PHILLIP, (183) had two daughters, Sarah and Thankful. They married John and Samuel Sheldon, of New Marlborough, Mass.

JOSIAH (141). Born 1740. Married Mary Gray, June 27, 1763. He died July 2, 1804, aged 64 years.

He is thus spoken of in the New England Genealogical Register for 1847: "He was born in Killingworth, Conn., about 1740. In mature age he removed with his wife and children to Newport, N. H. He aided in founding the church in that place, and was one of its deacons. He served two short terms in the revolutionary war, and was in the battle of Bennington. A fellow soldier spoke of him as a man of decided piety who, amidst the bustle of the camp, was constant in his morning and evening devotions. Immediately after the war he received a civil commission, and transacted much business as a magistrate. He was often engaged in teaching. After commencing to preach he labored for a time in Goshen, N. H. His father and grandfather were Josiah Stevens. His son, Maj. Josiah Stevens, was also a deacon in the church at Newport, where he died in 1844, aged 81 years. He was father of Hon. Josiah Stevens, of Concord, N. H., who was born at Newport, N. H., January 28, 1795, and was in 1838 elected Secretary of State. His eldest son is Josiah."

The Rev. Josiah Stevens died at Gosport, N. H.

Inscription upon the grave stone of the Rev. Josiah Stevens at Gosport, Isle of Shoals, N. H.

In Memory of
the
Rev. Josiah Stevens,
A faithful instructor of youth
and pious minister of Jesus Christ.
Supported on this Island by the
Society for propogating the Gospel.
Who died July 2, 1804,
Aged 64.

WILLIAM PITT (207). Born ———. Married first Clarissa Stevens of New Marlborough, Mass. She died in 1806, aged 32. Married second Lydia Deming of Sandistfield, Mass. Removed to Brunswick, O., where he died December, 1857, and where his descendants are now living. He was eminently useful in building up the church at Brunswick, and was an active deacon from its commencement until his death, thirty-eight years.

CHILDREN.

190. Clarissa. Born November 27, 1795. Died November 1, 1837, aged 42.
191. Nancy. Born September 1, 1797. Died August 22, 1834, aged 37 years.
192. Cortez. Born August 24, 1799. Died March 5, 1835, aged 36.
193. Cambell " August 11, 1801. " September 4, 1818, aged 17.
194. Albert. " December 19, 1803. " August 4, 1808, aged 5.
195. Roxana. " March 8, 1806. " September 14, 1856, aged 50.
196. Lydia. Born June 4, 1810. " January 3, 1854, aged 44.
197. Wm. Pitt. " September 29, 1811. Died June 20, 1881, aged 70.
198. Lucy. " April 11, 1813. Died September 20, 1845, aged 32.
199. Mary. " April 18, 1815. " May 23, 1885, aged 70.
200. Maria. " May 14, 1817. " June 19, 1865.
- 201 Cambell. " November 2, 1818. Died November 8, 1818.

WILLIAM PITT (197). Born September 29, 1811. Married Siba P. Castle November 12, 1834. Died June 20, 1881. She died March 20, 1887.

CHILDREN.

202. William Alfred. Born November 10, 1836. Died August 15, 1867.
203. Mary Parmelia. " October 19, 1838. Married Aaron P. Hinman September 29, 1867. She died September 13, 1893.
204. Harriet Maria. Born June 11, 1843. Married Francis W. Lindsley, March 19, 1870.

THE FAMILY AND DESCENDANTS OF NATHANIEL STEVENS,
OF NORFOLK, CONN.

S NATHANIEL (182). Born October 18, 1739. Married Lois, daughter of Deacon Abraham Camp, of Middlefield, Conn. He was by occupation a clothier and hatter. He built a house in 1784, at Norfolk, which is still owned and occupied by his great-grandchildren. (The house was remodeled in 1883. The accompanying photograph was taken before the rebuilding of it). He was a man of influence in the community, held numerous town offices, and was a Representative at eighteen sessions of the Legislature. He died July 27, 1808, at Norfolk, aged 69. His wife died January 3, 1817, at Norfolk, aged 72. They were both buried in the Center cemetery at Norfolk.

CHILDREN.

205 Samuel. Born ———. Married Anna Maltbie, and removed to New Marlborough, Mass., where he died June, 1800.

S 206. Nathaniel.

207. William Pitt.

NATHANIEL (206). Born at Norfolk, Conn., February 20, 1763. Married Elizabeth, daughter of Benjamin Rice, of Meriden, Conn., November 19, 1789. She was born October 10, 1766. He followed the same occupation as his father, that of a hatter. He represented the town at sixteen sessions of the Legislature. He died at Norfolk, January 29, 1825, aged 57 years. His wife died January 22, 1837, aged 71 years. They were buried in the Center cemetery, Norfolk.

CHILDREN.

Benjamin Rice. Born in Norfolk, Conn., August 31, 1790. Was graduated at Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., in 1810. He read law in the office of Judge Pettibone, of Norfolk, and with the Hon. Thomas Day, of Hartford, Conn., as per their certificates, a copy of each is as follows:

STATE OF CONNECTICUT,)
LITCHFIELD COUNTY,) ss:

NORFOLK, October 17th, A. D., 1811.

I hereby certify that Mr. Benjamin R. Stevens entered my office as a Student at Law on the 3d day of September, 1810, and Pursued the Study of Law under my Direction untill this time, Except from the 31st day of December to the 2d day of April, within said time.

AUGUSTUS PETTIBONE,
Attorney at Law.

I hereby certify that Mr. Benjamin R. Stevens entered my office as a Student at Law on the 31st day of December, 1810, and pursued the study of law under my direction from that time until the 2d day of April, 1811.

THOMAS DAY.

He first located at Reading, Pennsylvania, where he was admitted to the bar of that State and engaged in the practice of his profession with Samuel Riddle, July 15, 1812.

(The following is a fac-simile of his signature and approval of the agreement made with lawyer Riddle.)

agreed to by me

B. R. Stevens

The next year he located at Huntingdon, Penn., where he continued the practice of law until his death, which occurred November 8th, 1827. His last public act was the delivery of an oration on the anniversary of our national independence, the 4th of July, 1827. This was about four months before his death. He was buried at Huntingdon. He married at Huntingdon, March 14th, 1817, Miss Margaret Moore. She was born at Glenmore, County of Armagh, Ireland, in August, 1790, and died at Norfolk, December 29th, 1855, and was buried there. Both of her parents died while she was an infant and she was brought from Ireland to the United State at the age of two years by her aunt, Mrs. Catharine Simpson, who located at Huntingdon. At the death of her husband she, with her four surviving children, moved to Norfolk, Conn., to be with his relatives.

The following extract in regard to Benjamin R. Stevens is copied from a history of Huntingdon and Blair counties, Penn: "In person Mr. Stevens was thin and tall, of fair complexion and regular features. He married Miss Moore, of Huntingdon, who is said to have been a very amiable and excellent lady. After Mr. Stevens died the family removed to Connecticut. As a lawyer Mr. Stevens ranked high. Judge Histon is reported to have pronounced him the best lawyer in his district."

The children of Benjamin Rice and Margaret Moore Stevens were



CATHARINE SIMPSON STEVENS,

Born at Huntingdon, Penn., January 5th, 1817. Married at Lee, Mass., August 29th, 1839, John Smith, of Southwick, Mass. He was born at Southwick, March 30th, 1818, and died at the Astor House, New York City, April 20th, 1864. She died at Kingston, N. Y., January 5th, 1895, her birthday. Both were buried at Kingston. Catharine was adopted by Doctor and Mrs. Asa G. Welch, who resided at Lee, Mass. Mrs. Welch was Phebe Stevens, sister of Catharine's

father. After her marriage to Mr. Smith they resided for several years at Southwick, and afterward at Westfield, Mass., from thence the family moved to Kingston, N. Y., where she died and was buried. Her husband was engaged in the manufacture of powder, and was connected with the Smith & Rand Powder Co. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Smith were

ASA G. WELCH SMITH,

Born in Southwick, Mass., January 17th, 1841. Married April 6th, 1870, Miss Fanny C. Birge, at Westfield, Mass. She was born in Southwick, Mass., November 15th, 1845.

ALBERT JOHN SMITH.

Born in Southwick, Mass., November 27th, 1843. Married at Chicago, Ill., March 18, 1865, Mary Edna Baker. She was born March 20th, 1845. They reside at Chicago, Ill.

CAROLINE CRANE SMITH.

Born in Southwick, Mass., February 3d, 1845. Married at Kingston, N. Y., to Jacob Burhans, December 6th, 1871. He was born in Kingston, May 2d, 1845. He died September 13th, 1890, and was buried in Kingston. They had no children. She resides at the family residence in Kingston.

NATHANIEL STEVENS SMITH.

Born in Southwick, Mass., July 4th, 1847. Married at New York City June 8th, 1882 to Mary King. She was born at Peekskill, N. Y., August 8th, 1858. They reside at New York City. He is a lawyer.

WILLIAM HOMER SMITH.

Born in Westfield, Mass., February 20th, 1852. Married at Wilbur, N. Y., April 25th, 1877 to Mary C. Booth. She was born in Wilbur, November 17th, 1854. They reside at Newburg, N. Y. He is a powder manufacturer.

CATHARINE MARI SMITH.

Born in Westfield, Mass., March 15th, 1857. Married at Kingston, N. Y., March 15th, 1883 to Frank H. Ensign, of Hartford, Conn.

He was born at Hartford, Conn., April 7th, 1852 and died in that city March 17th, 1887. She resides at the family home in Kingston, N. Y.

MARGARET ELIZABETH SMITH.

Born in Kingston, N. Y., August 4th, 1859. Married at Kingston Dr. William Moore Decker, November 22d, 1887. They reside at Kingston and he is engaged in the practice of medicine. He was born at Margaretville, N. Y., March 26th, 1855.

The children of Asa G. Welch and Fannie Birge Smith are William H., born at Reading, Pa., January 22d, 1871; Josephine C., born at Reading, Pa., July 11th, 1872.

The children of Albert John, and Mary Baker Smith are Charlotte E. Smith, born at Chicago, Ill., May 10th, 1867; Albert J. Smith, Jr., born at Pottsville, Pa., May 5th, 1868, died September 6th, 1868; Frank B. Smith, born in Chicago, Ill., September 23d, 1869; Catharine S. Smith, born in Chicago, Ill., September 10th, 1871; Caroline B. Smith, born in Chicago, Ill., December 5th, 1875.

The children of Nathaniel Stevens and Mary King Smith are King Smith, born in New York City May 28th, 1883; Sarah Smith, born in New York City September 19th, 1885; Nathaniel Stevens Smith, Jr., born in New York City March 29th, 1888.

The children of William Homer and Mary Booth Smith are Nathalie Stevens Smith, born at Newburgh, N. Y., February 1st, 1878; Kenneth Asterby Smith, born at Newburgh, N. Y., October 22d, 1882; Catharine Smith, born at Newburgh, N. Y., November 11th, 1889.

The only child of Frank H. and Catharine Smith Ensign is Harry Smith Ensign, born in Kingston, N. Y., June 19th, 1884.

The children of Dr. William Moore and Margaret Smith Decker are Dorothy Stevens Decker, born in Kingston, N. Y., November 1st, 1888; William Moore Decker, Jr., born in Kingston, N. Y., January 8th, 1894.

ELIZABETH RICE STEVENS ALLEN,

The second child of Benjamin Rice and Margaret Moore Stevens, was born at Huntingdon, Pa., June 6th, 1819. Married at the resi-

dence of Mr. and Mrs. E. Grove Lawrence, at Norfolk, Conn., by Rev. Mr. Eldridge, Wm. A. Allen, of Granby, Conn., March 22d, 1842. He was born at Granby, Conn., April 16th, 1818. She died at Granby, April 25th, 1847, aged 28 years, and was buried in the Center cemetery of that town. She was reared in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Baldwin, who then resided at Guilford, N. Y. Mrs. Baldwin was a sister of her father.

Their children were Lyman Stevens Baldwin, born in Granby, January 31st, 1843, died July 31st, 1857.

Henry William, born March 12th, 1847. Married Miss Emma Johnson at Vergennes, Vermont. She died November 6th, 1880 and was buried in that town. She left a daughter, Grace Elizabeth, born in Chicago, Ill., June 1st, 1875. Mr. Allen, at this date (September, 1895) resides at Brooklyn, N. Y.

Died November 5th 1905
Norfolk, Conn. -²⁹ Buried Norfolk



NATHANIEL BENJAMIN STEVENS, AT THE AGE OF 73.

Nathaniel Benjamin, the third child of Benjamin R. and Margaret M. Stevens, was born at Huntingdon, Penn., November 29th, 1822. At the death of his father, which occurred November 8th, 1827, the family, which consisted of his mother, two sisters, himself and a brother, were sent to Norfolk, Conn., the native town of the father, to reside so that the children might be reared among his relatives. The subject of this notice was brought up in the family

of Mr. and Mrs. E. Grove Lawrence. Mrs. Lawrence was a sister of his father. He received only a common school education but was, at the age of fifteen, placed in a country store and brought up with a thorough business training. He was married September



MARY PHELPS STEVENS, AT THE AGE OF 73.

11th, 1851, in Simsbury, Conn., to Mary Paulina Phelps, daughter of Jeffery O. and Paulina Barnard Phelps, of that place. After

their marriage they resided in Norfolk, Conn., until 1862 when they went to reside in Hartford, Conn. While a resident of Norfolk Mr. Stevens took an active interest in the affairs and business of the town. He was engaged in the mercantile business and had besides considerable interest in some of the manufacturing industries of the town. While a resident of the town he held several positions in the affairs of the town including that of Judge of Probate for a term and was one of the Litchfield County Commissioners for the year 1852-53, and the democratic candidate for Secretary of State in the election of 1858. He was also post-master of that town from 1843 to the close of the Polk administration. He resided in Hartford until the fall of 1887 when he, with his family, removed to Winsted, Conn., where he organized the Citizen Printing Co., of which company he is at this date (September 1st, 1895) president and treasurer. The company, besides doing a job printing business, are the publishers of the Winsted Evening Daily Citizen, Litchfield County Leader and Winsted Weekly Herald. Mr. Stevens is the editor of the Leader. He is also at this date post-master of Winsted. While a resident of Hartford he was for several years a member of the Board of Selectmen and a member of the Board of School Visitors and for a year or two president of that board. He was a representative of that town in sessions of the General Assembly of 1866, '67, '75, '76 and '77 and Senator of the old first district in 1868. He was also a delegate to the Democratic National Convention, held at Baltimore in 1872, and was one of the secretaries of the convention. He has at all times since his majority acted and voted with the Democratic party and took an active interest in political affairs. The Connecticut Western Rail Road Co. received its charter while he was a member of the General Assembly, and he was one of the members of this corporation and for several years a director, was active and did much to promote the enterprise. He also was influential while in the General Assembly in the enactment of legislation which made Hartford the sole capitol of the state.

Nathaniel B. and Mary P. Stevens were the parents of two children,

PAULINE BARNARD STEVENS,

Born at Norfolk, Conn., September 14th, 1855. Married, April 22d, 1890, Mr. Jabez Hall Alvord, of Winsted, Conn., where they reside at the present time (Sept. 1st, 1895). Mr. Alvord was born in Winsted, Conn., July 15th, 1858, Mrs. Alvord was appointed by Governor Bulkeley one of the Women Commissioners for this State to the World's Fair, held in Chicago, Ill., in 1893. Their second daughter,



MARGARETTE MOORE STEVENS,

Was born at Norfolk, Conn., October 15th, 1857. She died May 7th, 1878, at Hartford, Conn., and was buried at Simsbury, Conn. After several years her body was removed to Norfolk and interred in the family lot in the Center cemetery of that place.

The following notice of her illness, death and funeral services are taken from the public newspapers published in Hartford:

DEATH OF MISS STEVENS.

Miss Maggie, daughter of the Hon. Nathaniel B. Stevens, died at 2 p. m., May 7th, 1878, of malignant pustule. It began upon the lip, and worked upward, causing intense suffering, and leaving no hope of her recovery. The rapidity of the progress of the disease is astonishing. She first felt a little pimple on her lip, while attending a performance at the Opera House, last Tuesday night. It grew so much worse that on Sunday she had to take her bed, and the swelling (treated with a local application of iodine) increased, and brought on delirium. Miss Stevens was a graduate of the High School, '77, and had a host of warm friends who prized her amiable character and will mourn her death. She was 20 years of age last October.

The funeral of Miss Maggie Moore Stevens took place at the residence of her father on Asylum avenue. There was a large gathering of friends, among whom were the principal and teachers of the High school, also a large number of the class of '77, of which she was a member. The Asylum street Methodist Sunday school was also well represented. A large number of friends and relatives from Simsbury were present. The services were conducted by Rev. R. Meredith, late pastor of the Asylum street M. E. church, assisted by Rev. C. B. Ford, the present pastor. The music was by a quartette composed of Mr. Hewins, Mr. Kelsey, Miss Tiffany and Miss Wilson. They sang the selection, "Abide With Me," and "One sweetly, solemn thought." The remains were enclosed in a white-oak casket, covered with white broadcloth, the lid being raised the entire length, showing the satin-lined top, fluted in rays. At the close of the services the remains were taken to Simsbury by a special train on the Connecticut Western road, accompanied by the relatives and many friends. The bearers

were J. W. Welch, Charles Chase, Howard Keep, W. E. Hatch, Cornelius Willard and Frederick W. Burr.

IN MEMORIUM MAY 7.

Earth's loveliest scenes are changed—dark shadows rest
 Where erst the sunlight fell in golden gleams :
 The bitter cup of sorrow full is prest,
 And dims the brightness of life's fondest dreams.

O cruel death. Why didst thou come and lay
 Thy chilly fingers on my darling's brow?
 Had naught the skill thy blighting touch to stay?
 It was too early for thy summons now.

Life's morn was in its freshness—noonday heat
 Had withered not its flowers of rarest hue ;
 Blossoms of beauty, and of fragrance sweet,
 In richest clusters, round her pathway grew.

I cannot speak that cruel, cruel word,
 Maggie, beloved, thou wert so dear to me,
 My soul's deep depths, with keenest grief are stirr'd,
 I cannot, darling, say farewell to thee.

Those happy years we studied side by side,
 Thy presence filled the hours with glad some cheer ;
 Thou wast my idol—thou my school-day pride,
 If e'er I wept, thou kissed away the tear.

And when we left dear Alma Mater's halls,
 Our lives diverging like a parted stream,
 With hearts responsive to Love's tenderest calls
 The year sped swiftly as a sunny dream.

But now the bright illusion all is fled,
 Thy sun has set while yet 'tis early morn,
 Life's blissful dream is ended ; thou art dead,
 Sad spirit-voices whisper, thou art gone.

I gaze upon thy shadow'd self—thy name I speak,
 And vainly listen for thy loving tone ;
 No answering voice the mournful silence breaks,
 And I am left to weep my tears alone.

Sleep sweetly, Maggie ; round thy mossy bed
 The daisies blossom, and bright angels keep
 Unbroken vigil, with a noiseless tread,
 For well we know "He giveth His beloved sleep."

MRS. ELLA ROBBINS GRISWOLD.

North Manchester.

The fourth child of Benjamin R. and Margaret Moore Stevens was

WILLIAM MOORE STEVENS,

Born at Huntingdon, Penn., July 19th, 1825. He was reared in the family of his uncle, Halsey Stevens. In March, 1852, he emigrated to California, taking a passage on a sailing vessel around Cape Horn. He was never married. At the present time (September 1st, 1895) he is residing at San Jose, California.

Their fifth child, Jerusha Pettibone, was born at Huntingdon, Pa., March 5th, 1827, and died January 8th, 1828, and was buried at Huntingdon.

PHEBE STEVENS WELCH,

The second child of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Rice Stevens was born in Norfolk, September 2d, 1792. Married Asa G. Welch, M. D., son of Dr. Benjamin Welch, of Norfolk, April 4th, 1811. They resided first at Tyringham, Mass., and afterward at Lee, Mass., where he died August 13th, 1851. His body was brought to Norfolk and buried in the Center Cemetery. After the death of her husband Mrs. Welch made her home in the family of her adopted daughter, Mrs. John Smith, at Kingston, N. Y., where she died November 8th, 1862, and was also buried at Norfolk. They left no children.

ELIZABETH RICE BALDWIN,

The third child of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Rice Stevens was born at Norfolk, July 4th, 1795. Married Mr. Rufus Baldwin, of Goshen,

Conn., January 30th, 1817, and went to reside at Guilford, Chenango county, New York, where he carried on a mercantile store. He afterward located at Oxford, in the same county, and from there emigrated to Minneapolis, Minnesota, to join his son, who had previously located at that place. Mr. Baldwin died at Minneapolis July 20th, 1865. His wife died at the same place March 7th, 1887, at the advanced age of 92 years, and both were buried in that city. Their children were

LYMAN STEVENS BALDWIN,

Born July 10th, 1818, and died by drowning, June 19th, 1836.

RUFUS COLLINS BALDWIN,

Born May 1st, 1820. Died May 21st, 1822. Their third child was

RUFUS JUDD BALDWIN,

Born January 22d, 1826. Married, September 18th, 1850, Caroline Mygatt, born January 31st, 1827. Mr. Baldwin graduated from Union College, Schenectady, New York, in July, 1846. He received the degree of M. A. from the same college in July, 1849. He was by profession a lawyer. He was a member of the Assembly of the State of New York in 1853 and 4, and a member of the Senate of the State of Minnesota in 1859, '60, '61 and '62. The wife of Mr. Baldwin died at Minneapolis, January 23d, 1895. He still resides there. His son Frederick also resides in that city, who is by profession a physician. He was born November 6th, 1860, and married Helen Paris, June 21st, 1893, who was born in 1873. They have one son, Douglass Kimball, born to them in June, 1894.

NATHANIEL STEVENS,

The fourth child of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Rice Stevens, was born March 30th, 1798. Married Sarah Haight, of New York, N. Y., December 21st, 1826. She was born January 29th, 1799. He resided in New York; went south for his health and died of yellow fever at St. Augustine, Fla., October 17th, 1839. She died at New York, January 22d, 1875.

Their children were Elizabeth, born April 11th, 1827, died February 14th, 1828; Margaret Matilda, born November 28th, 1828, died July

15th, 1850; Nathaniel, born November 30th, 1830, died December 25th, 1833; Benjamin Rice, born July 25th, 1833, died April 5th, 1834; Jane Smith, born July 25th, 1835, died May 24th, 1893; Ann Maria Elizabeth, born September 5th, 1838, died September 26th, 1881; Sarah Augusta, born March 25th, 1840, died December 28th, 1862. The above Jane Smith married, January 1st, 1854, Andrew Jackson Plumb, and there was born to them Nathaniel Stevens Plumb, August 16th, 1857. There was also born to them Ida Plumb, May 27th, 1855. She died June 14th, 1855. Andrew Jackson Plumb died ———, and his widow married, April 18th, 1863, Andrew Jackson Chase, and there was born to them Maggie Chase, December 8th, 1864. She died October 17th, 1869. The above Nathaniel Stevens Plumb and Miss C. J. Mahan were married July 10th, 1878, and at this writing reside in Hartford, Conn.

SAMUEL STEVENS,

The fifth child of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Rice Stevens, was born at Norfolk, July 28th, 1800. In early life he was a clerk, and afterward proprietor of a mercantile store at Pine Plains, N. Y. He married Sarah, daughter of Peter and Mary Husted, of that place, September 21st, 1826, and soon after located at Penn Yan, N. Y., where he also carried on a mercantile store. On account of delicate health he felt compelled to close up his business at Penn Yan and move south. He first located at Monticello, Florida, where he established a mercantile store and where he remained five or six years. He died at Jacksonville, in that state, March 23d, 1858, and his body was taken to Pine Plains, N. Y., for burial. His wife, who was born at Pine Plains, August 14th, 1803, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ayers, in Brooklyn, N. Y., June 6th, 1872, and her body was also taken to Pine Plains for burial. Their children were



WALTER HUSTED STEVENS,

Who was born at Penn Yann, N. Y., August 24th, 1827. He married Ernestine, daughter of Valery Hebert, of Louisiana, July 3d, 1850. She was born October 25th, 1829. He died at Vera Cruz, Mexico, November 12th, 1867. Walter graduated at West Point in 1848, ranking second in his class, and was commissioned a Lieutenant of Engineers and ordered to New Orleans. In May, 1861, he resigned his commission in the United States service and entered the

The children of Walter H. and Ernestine Stevens were :

First, Walter Felix, born in New Orleans, La., June 12th, 1850 ; died at Palo Alto Parish, La., September 20th, 1854.

Second, Ernestine Hebert, born at Madisonville, La., March 18th, 1852 ; died at Washington, D. C., February 14th, 1888.

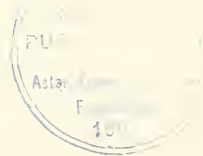
Third, Louis Hamilton, born at Palo Alto, La., April 26th, 1853 ; died at Galveston, Texas, September 4th, 1854.

Fourth, Samuel Laure, born at Palo Alto, La., October 19th, 1855 ; died at St. Augustine, Fla., June 19th, 1857.

Fifth, Guy Leonard, born at Galveston, Texas, March 2d, 1859 ; died at Richmond, Va., January 8th, 1862.

Sixth, Gustave Woodson Smith, born at Richmond, Va., June 30th, 1864, and is living. He graduated at West Point Military Academy and is now a Lieutenant in the United States Army stationed at Fort Hamilton, N. Y.

Ernestine Hebert, the second child of Walter H. and Ernestine Stevens, and William Rowland, were married in Baltimore, Md., October 30th, 1871. Mr. Rowland was born in Cecil county, Md., February 25th, 1847. He died in Harford county, Md., May 8th, 1882. His wife died at Washington, D. C., February 14th, 1888. Their children were Hugh Black, born at Baltimore, Md., November 2d, 1873 ; Isabelle Stevens, born at Baltimore, Md., January 23d, 1875 ; Ernestine Hebert, born at Baltimore, Md., March 9th, 1878 ; William Samuel, born at Baltimore, Md., June 11th, 1881.



confederate army as an officer of engineers. At the close of the war he was appointed chief engineer of an English rail road projected between Vera Cruz and the City of Mexico, where he died, as before stated. He was buried in Hollywood Cemetery at Richmond, Virginia, where a large and handsome monument has been erected to his memory over his grave. The following account of the funeral obsequies and memoriam is copied from the Richmond papers published at that time:

FUNERAL OF GEN. WALTER H. STEVENS.

The funeral of W. H. Stevens took place from St. Paul's Church on Sunday afternoon, April 19th, 1868, at 3 o'clock. It was attended by a large concourse of ladies and gentlemen. The church was crowded in every part.

Gen. Stevens died in Vera Cruz, Mexico, of yellow fever, on the 12th of November, 1867. His remains were shipped by members of the Masonic Order in Vera Cruz to Havana, and thence to New York. On reaching that city they were taken charge of by Masons and forwarded to this city by express.

The procession of Masons was the largest we have seen at any funeral in Richmond since that of the lamented Judge Lyons. When the corpse was borne into the church a large crowd had already assembled to do honor to the gallant dead, and after the Masons filed in, the house was completely filled. Dr. Minnigerode conducted the funeral services, and in a brief address alluded feelingly to the death of the General in a foreign land—an exile from home and friends—appropriately quoting the lines of Pope:

“By foreign hands his dying eyes were closed;
 By foreign hands his decent limbs composed;
 By foreign hands his humble grave adorned;
 By strangers honored and by strangers mourned.”

He then spoke of the comforting knowledge to his bereaved friends that before leaving Virginia he had connected himself with the Church on earth, and the well grounded hope that ere this he had joined the “General Assembly and Church of the First Born on high.”

The funeral cortege then proceeded to Hollywood Cemetery, where the remains were interred, in accordance with the last wishes of the deceased, by the side of his little child, who died during the war.

IN MEMORIAM.

Brigadier General Walter Husted Stevens, late Chief Engineer of the Army of Northern Virginia, under Robert E. Lee, died at Vera Cruz on the 12th of November last. Although to do full justice to the worth and services of this brave and accomplished officer would require a history of the great events in which he bore so honorable and so distinguished a part, a brief outline of the prominent incidents of his life, will not be without interest to his late comrades in arms and to the people for whom he made such great and generous sacrifices.

General Stevens was appointed a cadet at West Point, from the State of New York, of which he was a native, and graduated with distinction in the class of 1848.

He was commissioned Lieutenant in the Engineer Corps of the United States Army, and the high opinion entertained of his capacity and merits is attested by the magnitude and responsibility of the duties to which he was assigned. After a brief term of service at Fort Adams, in Rhode Island, he was ordered to Louisiana, as Assistant to Captain, afterwards General Barnard, in building the forts at Grande Terre and Lake Borgne, designed for the defence of the Mississippi River and the City of New Orleans.

It is worthy of note, that of these two officers thus early associated together, the one subsequently achieved his rank and reputation by constructing the defences of Washington, and the other as Engineer of the no less famous lines of Richmond.

Captain Barnard was relieved by Major, afterwards General G. T. Beauregard, and when the latter was placed in charge of the construction of the New Custom House at New Orleans, the superintendence of the works at Grand Terre and Lake Borgne, under his occasional inspection, devolved upon Lieutenant Stevens.

While thus engaged, he was appointed in 1853, a member of a Board of Engineers to survey rivers and harbors, and select sites for fortifications on the Texas coast, and was subsequently charged with the construction of two of the forts recommended by the Board, one at Galveston and the other at Matagorda, in addition to the superintendence of the two already mentioned. In 1854 his duties were increased by his appointment as Light House Inspector on the coast from the mouth of the Mississippi to the Rio Grande, including the erection of new Light Houses and the survey and improvement of Rivers and Harbors. He removed the great "Colorado River Raft," which required an appropriation of \$600,000 by Congress, and in 1855 and 1856 he built the celebrated "Ship Shoal Light House," situated upon a dangerous shoal thirty-five miles from land, and holding the third rank among the Light Houses of the world.

For the extraordinary skill and energy displayed in this work, he received the thanks of the United States Light House Board. He was also Superintendent of the new Custom House at Galveston, and in the midst of these arduous duties he found time to render valuable advice and assistance to several private Railway Companies in the Southwest.

When the late war began, the devotion of Lieutenant Stevens to principles, long and honestly cherished, proved superior to the ties of birth and kindred and to the allurements offered by adherents to the Government of the United States to an officer already distinguished by so many marks of confidence. He did not hesitate to tender his sword to the service of the Confederacy and in May, 1861, accompanied General Beauregard to Virginia as his Chief Engineer.

When General McClellan was driven from the Chickahominy and the Army of General Lee moved northward from Richmond in August, 1862, General Stevens was left to aid in the construction of those extended lines of defence, rendered necessary by the exposed situation of the Confederate Capitol.

A full explanation of the importance and responsibility of this duty would require a more extended review of military operations in Virginia than the limits of this sketch will permit.

To enable the Confederate Commander to pursue his favorite system of defence—by threatening Washington and the Northern States—thus preventing the Federal army from investing Richmond—it was indispensable to make that city secure from capture during the absence of its defenders. For want of a force adequate to effect both of these objects, the Confederate Government had little else to oppose to the great numerical superiority of its adversary than the skill and resources of its Engineers.

The task was gigantic but it was performed with a degree of ability which reflected the highest honor upon those to whom it was committed. The fortifications of Richmond were such that the militia of the City, hastily assembled on the approach of danger, were able with but little assistance to repel repeated attacks by greatly superior numbers of regular troops, commanded by some of the most distinguished Federal officers, without recalling the army of General Lee from its important operations on the northern frontier. Of all the accomplished officers engaged in this valuable service, Colonel Stevens was second to none; and the Government testified its sense of his merit by advancing him to the rank of Brigadier General.

In 1864, the army of General Lee, reduced by the losses of a bloody and protracted struggle with the seemingly inexhaustible numbers of the enemy, unable longer to keep the field, made its last stand behind the lines of Richmond and Petersburg.

General Stevens again became its Chief Engineer, and so continued to the close of the war. His services in that capacity were marked, not only by eminent professional ability but by the highest attributes of the true soldier.

During the stubborn defence of the lines on the Appomattox and the James, he performed his difficult duties under the fire of the enemy, with a self-possession which no danger could disturb. To a courage which gave heart to the timid and confidence and resolution to the brave, he added a constancy in misfortune and a patient endurance of privations which attracted the praise of his superiors and the admiration of the army. At the close of the war he sought and

obtained employment as an Engineer on the railroad from Vera Cruz to the City of Mexico. He filled several positions in the service of the Company with such marked ability that, within less than a year, he was appointed Superintendent and Chief Constructing Engineer of the most important part of the line.

His labors in this position were most onerous, and the difficulties such as could only have been overcome by energy and capacity of the highest order, but he proved equal to the task.

The disordered condition of Mexican affairs, the deleterious effect of the climate and of his unremitting toils upon his health, caused him to determine upon resigning his situation; and his preparations were nearly completed, when in the full vigor of his rare powers, his useful and eventful career was suddenly closed by the hand of death.

Had the issue of the late war been different, a grateful nation would have delighted to perpetuate the memory of services excelled by few and of fidelity and generous devotion surpassed by none. But though he may not enjoy this reward, defeat and humiliation cannot erase his name from the more sacred and not less enduring tablet of the crushed and bleeding heart of the Southern people. They who knew Gen. Stevens best and now mourn him most, need nothing to remind them of those traits of his character which warmed into affection the admiration inspired by his attainments and intellectual superiority.

They will love to recall his faithfulness in friendship, his unswerving fidelity to truth, his tender sympathy, his sensitive modesty, shrinking ever from the just reward of his own excellence, and they will remember most of all—as their greatest consolation and his crowning ornament—that simple and child-like faith in Him, whose approval and favor were his highest aim.

A BROTHER OFFICER.

Baltimore, December 27, 1867.

ELIZABETH RICE,

The second child of Samuel and Sarah Husted Stevens, was born at Penn Yan, N. Y., January 8th, 1829. She married Mr. William J. Bartlett, of Lee, Massachusetts, November 26th, 1852, where she died

December 4th, 1856, leaving one child, Samuel Hubbard, born at Lee, Mass., and at this writing residing in New York City.

MARY HUSTED,

The third child of Samuel and Sarah Husted Stevens, was born at Penn Yan, N. Y., November 5th, 1835, and was married to Mr. Carlton Ayers, at Galveston, Texas, November 21st, 1860. He was born February 1st, 1827. They resided at Brooklyn, N. Y., where she died May 26th, 1875. Her husband died at Chicago, Ill., August 13th, 1885, and both were buried in the cemetery at Pine Plains, N. Y., by the side of the parents of Mrs. Ayers. Their children were Lizzie Stevens, born at Elmira, N. Y., December 16th, 1861, and died August 9th, 1862. Mary Stevens, born at Brooklyn, N. Y., January 20th, 1864, and is now residing at Long Beach, California.

HALSEY STEVENS,

The sixth child of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Rice Stevens, was born at Norfolk, Conn., March 27th, 1803, and remained on the homestead, following the occupation of his father and grandfather, that of a hatter. He also carried on the farm connected with the homestead. He married Miss Dasiah Humphrey Pettibone, daughter of Giles, Jr., and Louisa (Pease) Pettibone, October 5th, 1829. She was born at Norfolk, October 31st, 1803. He died at Lee, Mass., where he had gone for medical treatment, May 15th, 1837, aged 34 years. She died May 30th, 1884, eight months over 80 years of age. They were both buried in the Norfolk cemetery. Their children were



JONATHAN HUMPHREY PETTIBONE,

Who was born at Norfolk, December 9th, 1830, and died December 18th, 1885, aged 55.

The following sketch of Doctor Stevens is copied from the Winsted Herald:

Dr. Jonathan H. P. Stevens was born at Norfolk, December 9th, 1830, of American parentage for many generation back, the blood of some of the best families of Connecticut mingled in his veins, and

he represented the native American stock. Of stature considerably above the medium he was compact and strong, but not massive in frame, and of good constitution. Left an orphan when quite young, by the death of his father, he grew up at the paternal homestead, under the care of his mother, who was a woman of no ordinary force of character, refinement, piety and business ability. He acquired a good education in the common school and in the academy in his native village under such instructors as Rev. John F. Norton of Goshen, Rev. Ebeneser B. Andrews of Cornwall, Miss Amelia Hayden of Torrington and Wm. B. Rice, A. M., now of Pittsfield, Mass. He studied medicine with Dr. Wm. W. Welch at Norfolk, and graduated in New York City, where for two years he was connected with Bellevue Hospital as physician and surgeon, and afterward made several trips to Europe as surgeon in charge upon one of the passenger steamships plying between New York and Liverpool. He then commenced practicing in his native town, where he remained until the breaking out of the civil war, when he enlisted and went out as surgeon in the 1st Connecticut Heavy Artillery, and remained in the service until after McClellan's peninsular campaign, when he resigned and returned to Norfolk, where he was needed to care for his uncle, the late Deacon Amos Pettibone, who had become old and enfeebled, and who, with his mother and her three surviving sisters in their old age, needed his strong arm and faithful care, which he gave filially and unstintedly, and laid them one by one to rest in the fullness of their time.

Dr. Stevens remained unmarried, making his home with his mother and sister at the old Stevens homestead, practicing his profession, in which he had acquired great skill and in which he was much esteemed; ready to go at all hours, and in all hardship and exposure, into families whether rich or poor, the prospect of reward making no difference in his readiness to respond to a call, or in the closeness of his attention or interest. "In Dr. Stevens the poor people of Norfolk have lost a good friend;" "Dr. Stevens never crowded a poor man for his pay," are the comments of those he befriended.

Dr. Stevens had a constitutional reticence and reserve of manner which to many seemed coldness, but there were few men more genial than he could be among his friends, and though oftentimes the more ludicrous occurrence or humorous story would fail to curl his lip with a smile, he enjoyed the ludicrous or the humorous, and the point of a joke or a keen retort seldom eluded him. His mind was strong, his judgment cool and clear, and his ability to express himself excellent, but he was retiring in his habit, and was more the counsellor than the advocate. His tenacity of purpose was very great, and when he thought he was right he had the courage of his convictions. He kept well up with his profession by constant study, and with the world's progress by general reading, so that he could converse with intelligence and attractively. He was faithful and constant in his attendance upon religious services, and in the support of the gospel, but never made public profession of religion. Clean of speech, thought and habit, he was a valued and valuable citizen and man, and his physician, who had known him from his childhood, looking upon his lifeless body stretched in its last breathless slumber, gave voice to the feelings of his townsmen, saying, "There lies the remains of as honest and noble a man as ever lived."



HALSEY STEVENS,

The second child of Halsey and Dasiah P. Stevens was born in Norfolk, April 3d, 1834. He married, July 1st, 1869, Miss Achsah M., daughter of Isaac and Catharine (Decker) Danforth, at Saratoga, New York. She was born at Hoosick, N. Y., January 5th, 1844. He died at (Elmwood) West Hartford, Conn., July 3d, 1888, aged 54

years, and was buried at Norfolk, Conn. The wife and family now reside at Newington Junction, Conn.

In early life Mr. Stevens was employed by the Iron Bank at Falls Village, Conn., as an assistant bookkeeper, afterward in the capacity of bookkeeper in a bank at Bridgeport and in the Fourth National Bank of New York City. He went to Hartford, entering the office of the Charter Oak Life Insurance Company, and in a few years was promoted to Secretary of the company, which place he held until the disaster which befell it, that caused the winding up of the concern. He was for some time in the employ of the Hartford Life and Annuity Company. He was also a member of both branches of the legislative department of the city government of Hartford.

The children of Halsey and A. M. Stevens were Mary Kate, born June 25th, 1870; Nathaniel, born March 25th, 1872; Louise Danforth, born April 8th, 1873; Halsey, Jr., born April 8th, 1873, died July 23d, 1873, and buried in Norfolk; Halsey, Jr., born October 29th, 1874; Jonathan Humphrey Pettibone, born October 7th, 1876; Warren Fisk, born October 7th, 1876; William Moore, born October 18th, 1878; Danforth Lynwood, born November 28th, 1881.

LOUISE PETTIBONE STEVENS,

The third and youngest child of Halsey and Dasiah H. Pettibone Stevens was born in the old Stevens homestead, Norfolk, which was owned and occupied by her parents, May 29th, 1836. She graduated at Mount Holyoke Seminary in the class of 1859. She is the owner of the Stevens homestead in Norfolk and calls that place her home, although she has been away from there, except at intervals, during several years past. She has taken a great interest in the genealogy of the Stevens family, and many of the statistics contained in this record were collected by her.

JERUSHA PETTIBONE STEVENS,

The seventh and last child of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Rice Stevens, was born in Norfolk, September 3d, 1806, and married at Norfolk, August 27th, 1827, E. Grove Lawrence, son of Grove and Nancy Lawrence, who resided at Vernon, N. Y. He was an adopted son of Judge Augustus and Susan Pettibone of Norfolk. She died Decem-

ber 4th, 1875. He died August 30th, 1894, and both were buried in Norfolk. Their children were

AUGUSTUS PETTIBONE LAWRENCE,

Born October 14th, 1828, married at Norfolk, November 14th, 1855, Harriet A. Pease of Norfolk. In June, 1864, he went on a trip to the far west, going by wagon across the country from Kansas City to Helena, Montana, where he remained about two years. On his return via the Yellow Stone river he was killed by the Indians, who were lying in ambush, near the head waters of that river, the 16th of April, 1866, and was buried near where he received the fatal shot. His widow still resides in Norfolk. They had three children born to them, two of whom died in infancy, and the other, Augustus Pettibone Lawrence, resides in that town.

GROVE PETTIBONE LAWRENCE

Was born in Norfolk, November 20th, 1830. Married at Pana, Illinois, October 24th, 1865, Griselda Blackburn, who was born September 11th, 1842. He died October 27th, 1896. Their children were Ernestine, born November 19th, 1867, died in about two years after; E. Grove, 2d, born January 6th, 1869, married Clara Phillips, January 22d, 1894; Lida Blackburn, born October 4th, 1871; married Charles S. Wiley of Charleston, Illinois, October 8th, 1896; Hiram Augustus, born July 23d, 1876.

HIRAM PETTIBONE LAWRENCE,

Born in Norfolk, January 19th, 1833. Married at Norfolk, November 14th, 1855, Abbie B. Moses. She was born in Norfolk, May 12th, 1833. He is a lawyer by profession and resides at Winsted, Conn. Their children were

CLARA,

Born in Norfolk, September 19th, 1856, and married James S. Rockwell, July 1st, 1894. He was born in Gilbertville, N. Y., September 11th, 1857. She died February 27th, 1896.

SUSAN,

Born in Norfolk, February 21st, 1858. Married May 17th, 1882, Isaac Ferguson, who was born in Cratley, Tyrone County, Ireland,

May 4th, 1853. Their children are Margaret Stevens, born April 12th, 1883; Lawrence McDonald, born December 5th, 1884; Charles Sibley, born October 6th, 1887, who were born in Winsted, and Hiram Pettibone born in Westfield, Mass., October 13th, 1889.

SUSAN PETTIBONE,

The fourth child of E. Grove and Jerusha Lawrence, was born in Norfolk, December 14th, 1834. Married at Norfolk, November 14th, 1855, Charles W. Sibley, who was born July 2d, 1826, in Spencer, Mass. He is a farmer and they reside near Pana, Illinois. They have no children.

ELIZABETH HALSEY,

The fifth child of E. Grove and Jerusha Lawrence, was born in Norfolk, August 29th, 1837. Married, July 13th, 1865, John L. Mills, born in Norfolk, September 18th, 1832. He is a Congregational clergyman and was formerly connected with the college at Marietta, Ohio, as a professor. They reside at Marietta, Ohio. Their children are Charles Lawrence, born in Norfolk, June 6th, 1866, who is a Congregational clergyman and resides at Clay Center, Kansas. He married Rosabella Stevens, September, 1893. Have a child, Helen Willard, born March 9th, 1895; Eloise Lawrence, born at Marietta, Ohio, November 23d, 1867, died at Denver, Col., June 17th, 1895; Edith Lawrence, born at Marietta, Ohio, November 4th, 1869; E. Grove Lawrence, born at Marietta, Ohio, May 1st, 1873.

AUGUSTA PETTIBONE,

The sixth child of E. Grove and Jerusha Lawrence, was born January 1st, 1840, and resides at the family home in Norfolk.

JERUSHA PETTIBONE

The seventh child of E. Grove and Jerusha Lawrence, was born at Norfolk, February 15th, 1842. Died August 18th, 1862, and buried in that town.

NANCY ADALINE,

The eighth child of E. Grove and Jerusha Lawrence, was born in Norfolk, April 23d, 1844. Married at Norfolk, August 6th, 1867, Matthew J. Ryan. He was born in Norfolk, October 14th, 1837.

They reside at St. Louis, Missouri. Their children are Augusta Lawrence, born in Norfolk, September 21st, 1868; George, born in St. Louis, January 8th, 1871; Lawrence Boomer, born in St. Louis, December 17th, 1872; Margaret Alice, born in St. Louis, November 3d, 1874; Matthew, J. Jr., born in St. Louis, February 23d, 1877; Nancy Lawrence, born in St. Louis, January 20th, 1880; Charles M., born in St. Louis, August 9th, 1881; Hiram Lawrence, born in St. Louis, March 27th, 1884; Susan Sibley, born in St. Louis, November 22d, 1886.

NATHANIEL STEVENS,

The ninth child of E. Grove and Jerusha Lawrence, was born in Norfolk, May 5th, 1846, Married September, 1894, Bridget Theresa Morris. He is a farmer, and resides in the west part of Norfolk, and occupies the farm where his father lived the first two or three years of his married life, and is also the farm on which his grandmother Stevens was reared and married. They have two children Nathaniel Morris, born May 31st, 1895, and Hiram Pettibone, born August 15th, 1896.

ISABELLA ERNESTINE,

The tenth and last child of E. Grove and Jerusha Lawrence, was born in Norfolk, November 9th, 1852. Died January 14th, 1853.

Since the sketch of Rufus J. Baldwin, on page 36, was put in type he married, September 3d, 1896, Miss Maria Amelia Wait, of Chicago, Illinois. They reside at Minneapolis, Minn.

It will be observed that this genealogical record and sketch of the Stevens family of Norfolk is brought down to November 1st, 1896.

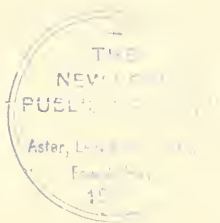
The homestead established by Nathaniel Stevens when he came to Norfolk from Clinton, Conn., is still in the ownership of a great grand daughter, Miss Louise P. Stevens, and that person, Nathaniel S. Lawrence and Miss Augusta P. Lawrence, also great grandchildren are the only blood descendants, of the Nathaniel Stevens referred to who now reside in that town. Like many families of former years, their descendants have become scattered far and near in all directions.

1881
Miss Jane Eames.
Dear Sir

I send as requested book
of Stercus family of Norfolk
County which I am happy
to give. Mr Stercus died
last November -

Yours etc.

Pauline Stercus Alford
Mrs J. H. Alford } Husted. County



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